

DOLLEYS VISIT

Karmee Irene Dolley arrived from Culver City, Sunday, for a week's vacation with her grandmother, Mrs. Frank Shields, of this city.

RECEIVES PROMOTION

James W. Fitzgibbon has been promoted to private, first class at his base in the Philippines, according to his wife, Evelyn, of 1740 Arlington ave.

ON VACATION

Lieutenant and Mrs. Earl W. Conley and friends are enjoying a week's vacation at Gold Hill, Oregon.

Catherine Howard In WAC General Hospital Unit

WAC Private Catherine Howard, of 1404 Beech st., Torrance, is one of 8,000 American women recruited for service in WAC general hospital companies who will have completed their training at the WAC Enlisted Women's Technician school, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, by July.

Following this course these 8,000 WACS will be assigned to one month of training on the job. After that, if qualified they will take over as medical and surgical technicians.

A smaller group, now training at Fort Oglethorpe is preparing as medical clerks, all of them recruited to assist overworked doctors and nurses in the warm, human task of caring for wounded soldiers.

The medical course is 270 hours of technician instruction, 30 hours of drill, physical conditioning and Army orientation. It is set up on a 50 hour training week basis.

Medical background is secured through a combination of class work and practical work. These future technicians study anatomy, physiology, and prevention of disease, mathematics, ward procedure and care of mental patients as well as hospital management.

They are under the supervision of professional personnel.

Private Howard was recruited at the Los Angeles recruiting and induction district headquarters where more WACS are needed at once to enlist for war work.

Barrera On Occupational Duty Overseas

His big howitzers quieted with the coming of peace in Europe, the 529th Field Artillery Battalion of the XXII Corps is now on occupational duty as part of Lt. General Leonard T. Gerow's Fifteenth U. S. Army. Pfc. Peter Barrera, 1630 W. 213 st., is with the 529th.

Filling a multi-purposed position in an area thirty miles in length and ten miles in width, the battalion divides its attention between guarding road junctions, shepherding displaced nationals, rounding up former members of the Nazi party, and controlling an outlet of the "Cordon Sanitaire" on the Rhine River.

In position on the west side of the Rhine during the elimination of the Ruhr pocket, the gun crews of the 529th's eight-inch howitzers occupied their time by softening up the entrapped Germans for the advancing American infantry.

Controlling the outlet of the "Cordon Sanitaire" on the Rhine was one of the first duties of the battalion. Disting displaced persons with DDT powder was a long way from ramming the breeches of their guns with another type of powder that would throw a 200-pound projectile across the Rhine with a few thousand yards to spare. Now that the war had finished, the next requirement of the 529th's varied curriculum was to scour the area for members of the Nazi party who were known to



AT PACIFIC BASE . . . Coast Guardsman William H. Hageman of 21907 Avalon blvd., Torrance, is shown at the wheel of a Coast Guard fireboat on which he is serving while attached to an advanced Coast Guard base in the Pacific. Hageman, who enlisted in the Coast Guard in January, 1942, is married to the former Marjorie Balding of Harbor City.

be traveling under assumed names and with forged credentials. The Kreisleiter of Cologne, Alfons Schaller, known to many Germans as the "Hangman," was soon apprehended. With the Kreisleiter were two less important Nazi officials.

On one of the first convoys to make a direct crossing from the United States to France, the 529th landed at LeHavre on the March 11, and was immediately assigned to the Fifteenth Army.

Lt. Shidler Is Hero as Ship Blasted

(Continued from Page 1-A) before it exploded, leaving gaping holes in the second and third decks leading to the ship's engine room, where it killed three of the crew.

Two oil storage tanks, each containing 1000 gallons of oil, were fired by the blast. The tanks then exploded and their flames set fire to the transport below decks.

Twisted steel doors and watertight bulkheads sealed some wounded fighters from would-be rescuers. Their charred bodies were later found piled before the compartment doors attesting to their heroic efforts to escape the raging inferno.

Besides disabling the ship's power system, the bomb damaged enough vital pressure mechanism to prevent ship's fire fighters from getting any pressure in the water lines. Auxiliary pressure methods were employed by pumping the fire mains over the side from small boats.

Most of the Pinkney's complement was attending a movie when the attack occurred. The movie was credited with saving many lives. If the men had not been there they might have been on deck and exposed to the full force of the impact and explosion.

The plane struck the ship at 7:30 on the night of April 28. At 7 or 3 o'clock in the morning, it was under control, but still the Pinkney faced the repeated attacks of planes. With engines and controls damaged, the Pinkney was unable to move and lay like a "sitting duck" for eight days, fighting off the Japs, while crew members worked feverishly to make repairs.

Somehow they plected her together, the men said, and they shoved off for home, pausing at Sanami Islands for burial services conducted by the ship's chaplain, Lieut. Vincent A. Neils, of Chicago.

The 11,000-ton transport is now undergoing repairs at Alameda. Because the ship is armed it does not bear the markings of a hospital ship. It has been in active Pacific waters for 29 months, including the Solomons, Leyte, Lingayen Gulf, Iwo Jima and Palau campaigns.

Capt. Winston Larson arrived recently for a nine-day leave with his family at 1605 Crenshaw blvd. At the conclusion of his leave he will be accompanied to Salt Lake City by his wife, Naomi, and their sons, Garry and Donald, who will remain for an indefinite visit.

Captain Larson is serving with the Army Air Forces flight command center and is stationed at Municipal Airport, Salt Lake.

Taxpayers Face Increase in School Costs

(Continued from Page 1-A) May 17 when a \$2.01 rate was contemplated.

The budgeted expenditures, if approved Aug. 10 as final, will result in a school tax rate rise of nearly 18 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation — to about \$1.88—if the assessed valuation of the school district increases approximately 1 1/2 per cent. Assst. Supt. Harry M. Howell, budget director, estimated. This rate would rank with 1941-42's of \$1.888 as the schools' highest.

Major slash in Kersey's estimates was in salary increases. A flat wartime increase of \$20 monthly in addition to a continued \$25 monthly wartime bonus originally was proposed. The Affiliated Teachers Organization of Los Angeles urged a permanent \$50 monthly increase and later a percentage increase.

The tentative budget provides increases of \$15 and \$18 monthly, respectively, for elementary and high school teachers on maximum pay—about 4000 employees. The other 6000 teachers will get the progressive salary increment granted again this year. All teachers will get the \$25 monthly wartime bonus as they did last year.

Funds for Bulking The salary increases, not including the bonus, added \$1,069,135 to the budget over last year's, the second largest item of increase. Largest was a \$1,815,937 boost in capital outlays, partly due to \$1,143,275 budgeted for new buildings and \$608,000 for purchases of land for kindergarten, elementary, high school and junior college construction. Included are \$91,000 for purchase of land and \$320,000 for new buildings for three new junior colleges.

Classified or nonteaching employees yesterday were granted an increase of 5 per cent of the salary each gets in excess of \$2000.

Based on Survey Salary increases were in line with the recommendations of J. L. Jacobs, who last year made a city-county salary survey and projected a comparable study of school salaries this year. "By fixing a tentative budget at this total," Maynard J. Toll, chairman of the board's budget and finance committee, said, "we obviate the necessity of a bond issue for new construction."

Under the new schedule, elementary teachers now receiving maximum pay of \$273 monthly would get \$288, high school teachers with a \$329 monthly maximum would get \$347. Automatic salary increments range from \$10 to \$18 monthly.

CANADIAN CARS Canadian automobile manufacturers have been given the go signal to make new passenger cars in 1945.

Army Hospital Ball Team in Big Improvement

Torrance Army Hospital's softball team is showing more promise lately, the soldiers winning two out of three games last week in Torrance Industrial Softball League play in Torrance Ball Park.

Scores last week are: June 25, Dow Chemical 13, IDECO 0; Army Hospital 0, Shepard Brothers 8.

June 26, Dow Chemical 12, National Supply 6; Doak Aircraft 7, Shell Chemical 5.

June 27, IDECO 0, Bohm Aluminum 9; Army Hospital 14, Columbia Steel 4.

June 28, National Supply 13, Goodyear 5; Shepard Brothers 6, Goodyear 11.

June 29, Doak Aircraft 4, IDECO 0; Shell Chemical 8, Army Hospital 6.

There are no games this week but they resume five days a week next week, two games each night. The first game is called at 6:30 p.m.

Local Young People Going To Camp Radford

Twelve young people, including the pastors of the Four-square Gospel church of Torrance will leave Saturday for Camp Radford, where they will be for eight days in the Youth Camp of the Four-square Churches of Southern California. Fifteen hundred youth from the Southern California Churches will be attending Camp Radford this year.

Those attending from the local Four-square church are: Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Pederson, Betty Lee Mark, Jackie Davis, Virginia Poh, Ruth Schimmick, Howard Busse, Joyce Reynolds, Pat Reynolds, Bob Bell, Ruby Lewis, Christine Strowbridge.

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